

GEORGARAKIS, CHATEAU THIERRY HERO, BACK HOME

Local Boy, Listed as Missing, Laid for Two Days and Nights in No Man's Land—Wounded Again at Verdun.

Demetrius Georgarakis, of 288 Burnett street, scarred with the sounds of Chateau Thierry, the second Marne, St. Mihiel and other battles that will live forever in the world's history, dropped in at the home news office in person Saturday afternoon to give the best possible evidence that the War Department's report of his being missing was a mistake.

Less than twenty-one years of age, he still has more than a year of active service in the most terrible fighting of the war and has been through experiences that would have overcome one with less indomitable courage.

Out in No Man's Land alone for two days and nights at Chateau Thierry, cut off from his own trenches by a terrific enemy bombardment—that was the explanation of the War Department's report of "missing." And despite being terribly burned by mustard gas, he was back after the Huns and ready for more when the St. Mihiel drive was started in the fall, 1917.

Georgarakis is the boy who, at the time of the June 5, 1917 registration, went from poll to poll trying to register although he was only 18 years old. He had already been engaged as a volunteer. He participated, however, and in June 1917 he succeeded in enlisting in the regular army. He was assigned to the 48th Infantry and sent to Syracuse, N. Y. In September volunteers for immediate service in France were called for and he offered himself and was transferred to the 9th Infantry and sent to France at once.

Veteran of Chateau-Thierry. Landing at St. Nazaire, the Second Division, to which his regiment was attached, was kept in training for several months, making occasional trips into the trenches. On St. Patrick's Day, 1918, the men were given a sector on the main front and went into action for the first time. He acted as a chouchou machine gunner. They remained there until May, when the routine work of trench fighting in a "quiet" sector. The only thing that disturbed them was bombing by enemy airplanes, but Georgarakis said that the men soon grew hardened to that and would not even wake up when the "Jerries" came over.

In the bitter days of the German thrust for Paris, the division was rushed to Chateau-Thierry to stem the breach, and there, together with the Marines, they made an undying record. Georgarakis said that his regiment was in action continuously for 47 days without relief. "Corned Willie" and "Attack" was about the only food they had, though sometimes they had one hot meal at night.

There were no trenches on this sector, nothing but one man shelters, and the Germans kept up an incessant pounding with their heavy guns. The local boy was wounded on July 7, at the beginning of the Second Marne. He was acting as a runner between the 23rd Infantry and his own regiment and had started on a perilous trip across an open stretch of land that neither side had been able to take.

Cut Off By Shell Fire.

But while he was on his way the enemy set up such a terrific bombardment of the American front line that Georgarakis was unable either to reach his destination or to make his way back to his command. There was no cover except a wheat field, so he hid there. The bombardment lasted two days and nights. During his stay in the burst near him, but he did not feel any bad effects from them. When he got back, however, the burns began to show up and practically covered his body.

He was in the hospital until August and when he was released he was declared unfit for combat service and attached to the 163rd Field Hospital. He went through the St. Mihiel drive with this organization and was then sent to the Verdun sector. It was there that he was wounded the second time, on November 7, two machine gun bullets going through his left arm. He was in the hospital until December and left Bordeaux on Christmas Day for this country, arriving here on January 4. He was sent to Camp Meade, Md.

Georgarakis said that he had talked to some of the German prisoners toward the end of the fighting and that they all seemed to be wishing the war would end. Most of them, he said, declared they were coming to America after the war. A graphic description of the battle of Vaux in July was given by the local boy. The country there was mostly woods, he said, and there were no regular trenches. On July 1 the Americans went over the top at 5:30 in the afternoon, something almost unheard of in France, and succeeded in advancing two miles in half an hour, reaching their objective way ahead of time.

The men went over in a thin line, four yards between men, and in three waves. Two battalions made the attack and were followed by two others in support. The German machine guns played havoc with the "Yanks," he said, but they never faltered and the speed with which they reached their objective was a marvel to the French.

Georgarakis is still undergoing treatment for his gassing and does not know when he will be discharged. THOMAS GABRIEL LOSES HIS WIFE

Thomas Gabriel, of 214 Suydam street, has the sincere sympathy of his many friends in the loss of his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Gabriel. Beside her husband she leaves a child three years old; her mother, Mrs. Anna Stevens, and a sister.

GERARD MARINO HAS PASSED AWAY Gerard Marino, of 133 Sandford street, died at his home this morning after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Josephine Marino, four daughters and a son. The funeral will be held Wednesday morning, at 9:30 o'clock from St. Mary's of Mount Virgin Undertaker Maher having charge of the arrangements.

ALLIED FORCES DRIVEN BACK BY THE BOLSHEVIKI

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Allied forces on the front south of Archangel, mainly American and Russian troops, have evacuated the town of Shenkursk, under Bolsheviki pressure, and withdrawn to a shorter line north of the town.

The Americans and Russians had withdrawn to avoid being outflanked by the Bolsheviki who attacked them on January 22 and 23, after a bombardment of three days. The official statement reads: "The Bolsheviki have continued their pressure against the Shenkursk front. On January 22 and 23 they launched considerable forces in an attack after bombarding the positions for three days. Our forces consisting of American and Russian troops first withdrew to the defenses of Shenkursk to avoid being outflanked by superior numbers. Later the town was evacuated successfully and a shorter line taken further to the north."

Poles Place Wreaths on Monument Here

Polish Day was observed yesterday in four states and unofficially in several other states; for the 4,500,000 Poles in this country. All over the nation yesterday citizens of Polish birth or extraction celebrated the election which is being held throughout Poland to choose members of the new Diet.

Polish flags floated to the breezes over many New Brunswick homes of Polish residents and the various Polish societies held celebrations in their lodge rooms. Although no big mass meeting was held the Polish residents in private meetings voiced their demands as to the just deserts of Poland.

The Polish residents visited the soldiers' and sailors' monument at Monument Square and at the Court House yesterday afternoon, where they placed wreaths of flowers with simple ceremonies.

The first step toward feeding and clothing the starving millions of torn and devastated Poland was taken yesterday when the steamship Westward Ho, carrying \$2,000,000 worth of food and clothing, left Hoboken in the afternoon for Danzig. The supplies, consisting of several thousand tons of flour, milk, packing house products and oil, with \$100,000 worth of shoes and clothing, will be distributed by representatives of the Food Administration.

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MR. AND MRS. VAN RIPER GIVEN SURPRISE PARTY

A very delightful surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. Van Ripper of Raritan avenue, Highland Park, Saturday evening in honor of their eighth wedding anniversary. Music, games and dancing were enjoyed and vocal selections rendered by the guests.

At a late hour a dainty collation was served and the guests departed, voting Mr. and Mrs. Van Ripper a very happy future.

Among those present were: the Misses Edythe Larson, Rose Braldo, Ethel Lake, Alice Van Ripper, Helen Woodruff, Hilda Rauch, Rose Felton, Ida Anderson, Margaret Hornick, Frances Braldo, Dorothy McCready, Messrs. William Hamilton, Fred Rausch, John and George Gordon, Richard Ayers, Willard Braldo, Charles Anderson, Ralph Martin, Jack Seible, Robert Russell, George Hendricks, Frank Morris, Joseph Lotz, Matthew Howard.

MISS MAY WOOD DIES IN TRENTON

Miss May Wood, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wood, died at her home, 153 Southard street, Trenton, Sunday, after an illness of some time. She deceased formerly lived in this city, her father at one time conducting the White Hall Hotel. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. George Haier, and a brother, Lewis Wood. The funeral will be held from her Trenton home on Wednesday afternoon, with interment at Frankford, Penn.

STORAGE OF CITY WATER INCREASED BY CONCRETE DAM

The concrete arch dam for the city water supply has been completed and is now ready to be put into service so the supply of stored water will be largely increased.

The dam is located six hundred feet above the old dam and is built in the form of an arch spanning the mill pond from bank to bank. The spill way of the new dam is two hundred feet in length which is forty feet longer than the spillway of the old dam. The new dam will raise the water behind it four and a half feet higher than the previous level of the pond and will back the water as far as the dam at Milltown. The water in the new pond will overflow forty acres in addition to the area now covered, most of which is located between Ryder's Lane and Milltown. The amount of water which was available in the old pond which could be drawn to a depth of five feet below the dam was 87 million gallons. The new dam will add 146 million gallons to the capacity of the pond so there will be an available storage in the Weston's Mill pond of 233 million gallons.

The dam is built in the form of an arch. This form where the site is suitable makes it possible to build a dam with greater strength with much less material than the form of dam which depends on the weight of the structure only to resist the water pressure. The older type of dam usually has a factor of safety of two while the arch dam which has been constructed has a factor of safety of ten. An unusual feature of the dam was that it was constructed in the water of the pond which was over eighteen feet deep and which could not be drained on account of having to maintain the city water supply during the construction of the dam. The construction under these difficult conditions was carried on by building the dam in twenty-five sections which were surrounded by a tight cofferdam of steel sheet piling.

Concrete Poured in Movable Forms.

After pumping out the cofferdam the concrete was poured in movable forms which were used for the whole structure.

The dam has a spillway with a length of 200 feet which is held by abutments of twenty-five and thirty feet in length at the two banks. The dam rests on the solid shale rock and the abutments reach to the shale in each bank. The crest of the dam is three feet wide and the base is nine feet wide. The height of the dam in the pond is twenty-three feet. The normal difference of water level above and below the dam is four and a half feet but the structure is designed to hold the water for the full height of the dam if the water in the lower pond is entirely drained.

In fixing the location of the structure complete plans and estimates were made for the dam as built and also for raising the old dam. It was found that it would take more labor and material to raise the old dam than to build an entirely new structure in the adopted location. In addition to the cost of the work there would be a very great risk of accident during the construction of the dam which might wipe out the pumping station. There would also have been the work of caring for the ice house property which was located just above the old dam and which would have involved serious expense.

The question of additional storage has been a pressing one for some time. In 1911 the advisory water commission, the members of which were Drury Cooper, E. P. Darrow, W. H. Benedict, A. S. Tinsworth, F. C. Schneider and A. S. March, strongly advised the immediate raising of the present dam three feet to provide the additional storage. They stated at that time that this would take care of the immediate need and that additional provisions could be taken after some years had passed. The present structure raising the level of the pond four and a half feet adds over fifty per cent to the additional storage contemplated by their recommendations.

Plans Made in 1914.

The plans for the dam were made in 1914 at the time of the serious water famine which occurred in September of that year and it was strongly urged that the structure be built at once so sufficient water could be stored to prevent the recurrence of the shortage. On account of the authority to build being withheld from the Board of Water Commissioners by the Board of Aldermen the work was postponed until Commission Government took hold of the matter. The building of the dam was again postponed by the judgment of the advisory water board until after the completion of the filter plant as it was thought that the building operations would cause the water to be made turbid. The work was finally started in the fall of 1917. The necessity of the work was shown last fall when all of the storage was used up and temporary pumping was required from the creek below the dam to maintain the necessary amount of water.

During a dry time all the water required beyond that furnished by the flow of Lawrence brook must be taken from storage. The flow of the brook was estimated by the state as given in the report on water supply as a minimum of five and a half gallons a day for the driest period. This estimate is largely in excess of the actual amount which was observed in the dry periods of 1914 and

SOUTH RIVER NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

Polish Day Celebration at South River Is Huge Success; Big Crowd Out

SOUTH RIVER, Jan. 27.—Polish Day was fittingly celebrated yesterday afternoon by a large street parade in which the different Polish societies and the pupils of the Polish schools participated. The paraders were gaily dressed in the American and Poland colors. The flags of the two nations also the French tri-color were conspicuous in the procession. The Polish Band furnished music for the occasion and also entertained a big mass meeting in Washington street where the parade disbanded.

Speeches were made by prominent members of the Polish societies. They spoke of the great day of rejoicing that had come to the Polish people by having their country released from Russian and German rule. The fact that their native land would be numbered among the republics of the world also caused them to feel very happy. Great credit was given to the Polish soldiers for their heroism and fighting ability displayed on the battlefield.

Will Celebrate Fifth Anniversary.

The fifth anniversary of the Young Peoples' Society of the German Presbyterian Church will be celebrated Tuesday evening, Jan. 8, in the Y. P. S. building on Washington street. Price's orchestra will furnish music for dancing. Refreshments will be served and the admission will be 25c.

Personals

Miss Myrtle Peterson was the Sunday guest of relatives in Newark. Miss Mildred Yost and Miss Carrie Frandsen were the guests of Miss Ida Frandsen of Trenton Normal School, Saturday.

Mrs. Al. Peterson was a visitor on Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Vanilise of Highland Park.

Fred Doremus of Rutgers College, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Horner.

Mrs. T. H. Heckman and Miss Louise Heckman have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Rodman Heckman, of Philadelphia Pa.

TAX NOTICE

ALL DELINQUENT TAXES NOT PAID BY JANUARY 31 WILL BE RECORDED IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AS DELINQUENTS. AUGUST NUSS, COLLECTOR, SOUTH RIVER. 127-21

1918. A careful measurement of the individual streams of the watershed show that the minimum flow of the Lawrence brook area amounts to only 1,800,000 gallons for 24 hours. The consumption last September, due largely to war conditions perhaps, required seven million gallons a day so five millions under these conditions must be taken from storage.

City Can Supply 100,000 Population With Water by Damming Near Milltown.

When the water consumption of the city again exceeds the present provision additional storage will have to be sought by a dam somewhere above Milltown or by taking water from Raritan River. The late Dr. Cook reported on a project for a high dam at a site near Parsons pond which would impound 1,640,000,000 gallons of water. The cost of the dam at that time was \$347,000, but under present conditions it would be two or more times that figure. As everyone has great faith in the steady growth of the city of New Brunswick which is largely dependent on the water supply the necessity of looking forward is apparent. With the above storage a population of 100,000 could be supplied with an adequate amount of water.

MAJOR DEMAREST IS ORDERED TO CAMP RARITAN

The War Department at Washington has ordered Major C. S. Demarest to Camp Raritan. It is expected that Major Demarest will take the place of one of the officers there, at Camp Raritan, but just what changes will be made is not known at the camp.

MRS. CALHOUN DASTINO BURIED IN NEW YORK

Mrs. Rose Dastino, wife of Calhoun Dastino, died at her home, 115 Talmadge street, Sunday, after an illness lasting for some time. The deceased is survived by her husband and five children. The funeral was held this morning from the Church of St. Mary of Mount Virgin at 9:30 o'clock, after which the body was shipped by Undertaker Maher to New York for interment.

OAK TREE POST OFFICE IS ROBBED AGAIN

PLAINFIELD, Jan. 27.—Some time Wednesday night the postoffice at Oak Tree was entered by burglars, who stole a quantity of provisions. The office has been broken into about a dozen times. Postmaster George Stover has reported the matter to the postal authorities.

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